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In regard to the rate adjustment (Docket #2004-353-WS) requested by Lake Wylie Community Utilities we feel that this large of an increase is out of line. Lake Wylie Mobil Home Park consists of two sections, the section we live in is comprised of double wide homes and the residents own the home and the land. York County owns the roads. The other section is a single wide park where residents rent the lot to park their unit. In the double wide section there are many older people on fixed incomes, people nearing retirement age and some people in the 30-50 age bracket. This large increase is going to impact everyone hard.

Mr. Malpelli has a history of trying to bluff the residents into doing what he wants. After checking with the county and other sources it was found that what he was telling people was false. Examples of this are: that we weren't allowed to have satellite dishes, (Mr Malpelli has a small cable company with limited channels), we had to have his ok to build storage sheds, decks and fences had to have his approval. The water that he wants such a large rate increase is of poor quality. The water has a sulphur smell and a bad taste. Some of the residents have small gravel in their water. A few years ago there was a waterline break and the residents on that street had to call the county to get him to repair the street. There were two ditches on that street which he filled in with dirt. After a while the ditches settled. The residents called Mr. Malpelli to repair the street, but his response was that it was York County's job to repair the street. After several months of going over the badly repaired street I called York County Public Works Department and told them about the situation. The Assistant Manager came out immediately to look at the street. The Assistant Manager talked to Mr. Malpelli and told him he had one week to fix the street to original or better condition and if he did not have it fixed within that week period the county would fix it and charge him for the work. He also told him before he dig's the street up again he had to call and get permission from York County. He was also told that he could not prevent any utility company from coming into our development. Just this past year Mr. Malpelli told a resident that we could not have any yard sales in our development. He just doesn't give up. York County owns our streets in the neighborhood. Mr. Malpelli owns the water and sewer. Our neighbor's son lives in Charlotte in an up scale development called Ballentyne, he pays \$33 a month for water and sewer. I wanted to give you a little insight on the person that's asking for this large increase. I'm sure most people here understand that costs go up and would agree to a reasonable increase but not 3.5 times the present rate. Attached are a few more thoughts.

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Lake Wylie Community Utilities

Rate Increase

#1 Why wasn't the rate increased over the last twenty two years instead of such a large increase all at once?

#2 It's stated that the utility company has approx. 270 customers and that the existing is \$ 10.00 for water and \$10.00 for sewer.

Existing rate: 270customers @ \$20 per month is \$5,400 or \$64,800 per year

Proposed rate: 270 customers @ \$70 per month is \$18,900 or \$226,800 per year

This is 3.5 times the present rate.

#3 Reconnection Fee -- \$150.00

This doesn't require anymore effort than connecting a garden hose or turning a spigot to connect or disconnect the water service. As far as the sewer service it's a matter of removing or connecting one pipe. Performing both operations would only take 30 minutes or less if the person doing it knows what their doing.

#4 Administration Fee -- \$45.00

This only requires changing the name in the computer.